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***WELTY APPOINTED TO MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has appointed Joseph Welty to the Maricopa County Superior Court. He replaces Judge Pamela Franks, who recently retired.

“Joe’s extended service to Arizona and his passion for public service made him an obvious choice for a judgeship in Maricopa County,” Governor Napolitano said. “I know that he will be a fair judge, committed to the best for Arizona.”

Welty worked in the Arizona Attorney General’s Office and then in the office of the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. He currently serves as the Chief of the National Security Section at the United States Attorney’s Office. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law School and his B.A. in Political Science from Loyola Marymount University. Welty and his wife have two children.